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Andrews Testifies In Probe

A witness appeared before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury this afternoon, apparently in connection with District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation of what he said was a plot in New Orleans to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

Dean L. Andrews Jr., assistant district attorney in Jefferson Parish, came to the grand jury room in the Criminal Courts Building, Tulane and S. Broad, in answer to a subpoena issued yesterday by Garrison's associates.

An instantan subpoena was served this morning on Mrs. Josephine Hug, 4500 Elysian Fields, instructing her to go before the jury this afternoon. She was not further identified, and there was no official notice that she was called in connection with Garrison's probe.

Clay L. Shaw, former managing director of the International Trade Mart, was arrested March 1 and booked with conspiring to murder Kennedy. A preliminary hearing for him is scheduled Tuesday in the Criminal District Court of Judge Bernard J. Bagert.

Mrs. Hug told a newsman that she formerly was employed by Shaw at the International Trade Mart.

Andrews was subpoenaed by Garrison's staff last week. He told the Warren Commission, which investigated the

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slaying, that he was called by a Clay Bertrand the day after the assassination and asked to defend Lee Harvey Oswald, named by the Warren Commission as the slayer.

IN A PETITION for a search warrant, Garrison named Clay Shaw, alias Clay Bertrand. Shaw has denied that he ever used an alias, and has maintained his complete innocence.

Grand jury members still were at lunch, after a morning of considering routine cases, when Andrews appeared in the building with his attorney, Sam Monk Zelden.

Newsman asked Andrews whether in his opinion Clay Shaw and Clay Bertrand are the same man.

"I HAVE NO comment on that," he replied.

Under questioning, Andrews said he knew Bertrand only casually. He said he had no recollection of the last time he talked by telephone with Bertrand.

Asked whether he believed that Oswald killed Kennedy, Andrews answered:

"In my opinion, the man was not capable, nor was the weapon."

AT ONE POINT he said he did not know Oswald.

But later he admitted that Oswald had been into his office.

Zelden insisted to newsmen that Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, Lee's mother, had asked him to defend her son, an assertion which Mrs. Oswald has denied.

Zelden said he had re-checked with the telephone company the number in Dallas from which he was called, and learned that it was Mrs. Oswald's telephone.

Garrison contends he will prove that a conspiracy was hatched in New Orleans which culminated in the assassination Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas.

THE FBI said it never could find a Clay Bertrand.

SHAW'S attorneys yesterday lost a bid to have the case against their client dismissed, but Judge Bagert said that Garrison might have to produce his yet unidentified "confidential informant" against Shaw during the hearing Tuesday.

Garrison's staff aide William Gurvich said that the informant would be available Tuesday subject to call.

The informant was first mentioned in Garrison's application to search Shaw's home. The document claimed that Shaw, Oswald, David W. Ferrie and others met at Ferrie's apartment here in September of 1963 and agreed "to kill John F. Kennedy."

Garrison said in the document that "a confidential informant" was present at the meetings, saw the conspirators and heard the plans.

FERRIE, a free-lance pilot and former Civil Air Patrol leader, died at his apartment here Feb. 22 while he was under investigation by the DA's office. The pilot, who scoffed at the investigation, was described by Garrison as one of history's most important men after Ferrie's death.

The death was classified as natural by the coroner's office.